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The Honorable Kay Granger  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for UCSB: SciTrek STEM Education Program Expansion. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of California, Santa Barbara located at UC Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, California, 93106.

The funding would be used to expand UCSB's SciTrek program. SciTrek partners with local schools to present student-centered, practice-based modules that not only emphasize the process of science but also specific grade-level Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) performance expectations (grade level standard). SciTrek is dedicated to allowing 2nd - 12th grade students to experience the scientific process first hand.

UC Santa Barbara's SciTrek program has a direct correlation with the federal NASA priorities. SciTrek directly covers earth science, aeronautical and space research in their curriculum taught to 2nd-12th grade students. SciTrek has ten modules for 2nd-6th grades, four for 7th and 8th grade, and five for high schools. Many of these already cover earth science topics (e.g., soil erosion, water flow in various materials). Importantly, all SciTrek modules emphasize the use of mathematics and quantitative reasoning, including graphing, curve fitting, modelling, data analysis, etc., which are core to the fields of earth science and space studies.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will educate our youth on the scientific process and prepare them to meet educational standards.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for the purposes described in section 20102 of title 51, United States Code. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S.O. Carbajal".

Salud Carbajal  
Member of Congress